



THE ELLINGTON CONNECTION

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Winter 2012-2013

Maurice Blanchette, First Selectman
860-870-3100

What do you think?

First, an old problem (last reviewed five years ago by the Board of Selectmen) that will be re-visited by the Board of Selectmen on December 10, before you get this edition of the CONNECTION; it won't be solved soon. For a long time, Ellington High and Crystal Lake Schools have been used as Ellington District 1 and District 2 polling locations, respectively. Even though our schools are closed Election Day in November each year, they are open during primaries and referenda at the same locations. For security and school scheduling, it would be much better if polling places were not in our schools, but consideration of other venues would necessarily have to include at least the following:

- Handicap accessibility, adequate parking, safe and secure voting and acceptable locations that can expeditiously process all voters (there are now about 9,400 registered voters between the two districts) who may vote in Ellington.
- Permanent and secure storage on-site for the voting equipment at each location.
- Guaranteed availability when needed by the Town, subject to long term contract (i.e., ten years).
- Inexpensive!

Yes, this may be difficult or even impossible to find, but in these anxious times the school security issue is driving this review. If you have any ideas, please write or e-mail me at firstselectman@ellington-ct.gov. Let me know why your idea would be a good option and provide as much detail as possible.

Second, Winterfest 2012 was celebrated in downtown Ellington on Friday, November 30 and Saturday, December 1. Bundled-up revelers were on hand to get the holiday season started with the lighting of the holiday tree on the Town green, activities and music at Hall Memorial Library, open house at the Nellie McKnight Museum, free refreshments at the Senior Center, special events for the public at several near-by churches and a feast of visual and audio effects from a Main Street parade that included marching volunteer organizations and fire apparatus decorated to the nines. For the ninth year, Winterfest was organized by a private organizing committee of volunteers who worked to brighten up the night and bring out perhaps as many as a thousand spectators to watch or listen to hundreds of participants.

Every year that committee seeks the use of the Town Green and authorization from the State to use Main Street for the parade, and recruits Town groups and the organizations near the green to participate. In accordance with tradition, the Town of Ellington decorates the Town Green for the holidays. For Winterfest, the Public Works Department also provides some facilities for, and cleanup after, the crowds that attend. In anticipation of the crowds and heavy downtown traffic, our Police Department provides extra coverage by our Resident State Troopers and/or Town Officers. If you have a comment about this, let me know via email: firstselectman@ellington-ct.gov.

Happy, SAFE Holidays to you,

Maurice Blanchette

Snow Removal from Sidewalks

Per Town Ordinance, homeowners are required to remove any snow or ice from sidewalks in front of their property within 24 hours following the cessation of the fall of snow or ice. Failure to do so could result in a fine.



Parking Ban

Ellington residents are reminded that the Ordinance Concerning Parking on Public Highways within the Town of Ellington prohibits street parking during and after any period of snowfall or icy condition, while said highways are hazardous to traffic, in order for Public Works to be able to safely and efficiently remove the hazards of snow and ice from the roads.

Violation of this ordinance will result in the removal of the vehicle at the owner's expense and may result in a fine.

Snow Removal from Fire Hydrants

Residents are asked to clear any snow from fire hydrants on your property or nearby. Open a path to the hydrant and clear an area all around the hydrant.

(All fire hydrants should have a reflective pole marker. If the one near you does not, please call the Ellington Volunteer Fire Department at (860) 870-3190 and leave a message with the specific location of the fire hydrant.

For Winter safety tips, see message from the **911 Municipal Coordinator** on Page 20.

Town of Ellington 2013 Trash & Recycling Collection Calendar

Recyclables are collected every other week. Shaded weeks = pick up weeks

January 2013

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D = one day delay for New Year's Day, Memorial Day, July 4th, Labor Day, Thanksgiving Day and Christmas Day Holidays; When a holiday falls on a Saturday or Sunday there is no delay in the collection schedule.

All items for curbside pickup should be placed outside by 6:00 a.m. on pick-up day.

Tim Webb, Public Works Director
860-870-3140

Cindy Roman, Assessor
(860) 870-3109

New in 2013! Change to Disposal of Household Hazardous Waste!

HOMEOWNERS' TAX RELIEF PROGRAM

The Town of Ellington has contracted with
MidNEROC
[Mid North East Recycling Operating Committee]
to handle disposal of Household Hazardous Waste (HHW)
Location: **57 Hancock Road, Willington, CT**
Telephone: 860-684-3163

Beginning in 2013, there will no longer be a HHW Day in Ellington. Ellington residents may bring residential quantities of HHW to the MidNEROC facility. There is no charge at the facility. Please bring proof of residency.

Some Accepted Materials: Bug spray, mercury thermometers and thermostats, dry cleaning fluid, fluorescent bulbs, arts and crafts supplies, rechargeable batteries, general purpose cleaners, aerosol cans with hazardous content, drain cleaners, metal polishers, floor cleaners, oven cleaners, wax and polishes, tile cleaners, toilet cleaners, gasoline, fire starters, engine/radiator flushes, chemistry kits, oil based paints, rust preventative, wood preservative, lead based paint, solvents, degreasers, wood strippers, paint thinner, fertilizers with pesticides and herbicides, muriatic acid, insect spray, pool chemicals and more.

Materials Not Accepted: Medications, Asbestos, Explosives, Fireworks, Ammunition and Latex Paint. Note: All leftover latex paint cans be disposed of in your regular household trash. First harden or dry it by removing the lid and placing the can in a safe, well-ventilated area.

MidNEROC Hours:

9:00 a.m. to 2:00 p.m.
on the first and third Saturday of the month
from mid-April to early November.
The facility is closed July 4th and Labor Day weekends.

For more information, please call the Public Works Department at 860-870-3140 or visit our website at www.ellington-ct.gov

Items Accepted at the Public Works Facility, 21 Main Street: Car batteries, waste oil, antifreeze, motor oil, oil filters, propane tanks, fluorescent light bulbs, computer components, electronics, car and lawn mower batteries. Proof of residency will be required and will be verified by the Department of Public Works staff.

Christmas Tree Pick-up

Christmas Trees will be picked up during the first two weeks of January. Please leave them at the curb, butt-end out and free of ornamentation and tree stands. If the trees are not cleaned, they will not be picked up. If residents prefer, they may bring them to the Town Garage any time and leave them by the grey shed.

Winter Sand Available

Sand is available to residents throughout the winter months. The pile is located at the Town Garage, 21 Main Street, on the Firehouse side.

The Homeowners' Tax Relief Program allows a tax credit for qualifying individuals. To qualify, the homeowner (or spouse, if domiciled together) must have been 65 years of age by the end of 2012, reside at the property and meet the income requirements*. Income is defined as adjusted gross income and tax exempt interest, plus any other income not included in the adjusted gross income. Totally disabled persons, regardless of age, are initially eligible for the program provided they have a Social Security Award letter specifying a date of entitlement during the current benefit year or a SSA-1099 with Medicare premiums.

Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on the program and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you. The filing period for the Homeowners' Program is February 1 through May 15. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2013.

ADDITIONAL VETERAN'S EXEMPTIONS

Any person entitled to a Veteran's Exemption may also be entitled to additional exemptions if they meet the income requirements*. Applications must be filed every two years. If you are currently on this program and it is your year to file, an application will be mailed to you. The filing period for this program is between February 1 and October 1. Applications will be available at the Assessor's Office after February 1, 2013.

*Income requirements:

To qualify for the 2012 benefit year the maximum income is:

\$40,900 for a married couple
\$33,500 for a single person.

Susan Phillips, Director
Hall Memorial Library
860-870-3160

www.library.ellington-ct.gov

Monday-Thursday 10AM-8PM
Friday-Saturday 10AM-5PM
Sunday 1PM-5PM

See page 20 for Holiday closing schedule.

All Library programs are free and open to all. Watch the library's website for other upcoming events and movie listings! Do you have a suggestion for a program? Contact the library at 860-870-3160 or hallmlib@ellington-ct.gov.

www.biblio.org/ellington

OVERFLOW PARKING: With all the great programming here at the Library, extra parking may be needed. We have an arrangement with Saint Luke's Church (located across the street) that allows overflow parking for Library events. Please use the crosswalk when crossing Maple Street.

PLANNING: Five years ago, the Library undertook a major strategic planning process. That process included a survey of residents, planning sessions by the Library Board, staff and planning committee, interviews with Town officials and conversations with patrons. The resulting plan included goals for improvements to the Library facility and services, such as expansion of the young adult area, rearrangement of the audio room, the addition of a computer lab and classes, Sunday hours in the winter, Saturday hours in the summer and more programming for adults. We have met these goals! So it is time to evaluate our progress and look to the future. A survey is being developed to give you a chance to express your needs and opinions about Library service. It will be available in January. We hope you will take the opportunity to fill it out. We want to be the best we can be for you!

BOOKING MEETING SPACE: The Library has four meeting spaces available for use by community groups. To reserve a meeting space using the online system, go to the Library website at www.library.ellington-ct.gov and click on the "Event Calendar" tab. Be sure to read the policy before proceeding. Next, click on "Book a Meeting Room" and follow the process to request a room, being sure to request a room and a date that are available. Once you submit your request, you will receive an email that says that your request has been received. **Keep in mind that it may take several days for your request to be approved. Your event will not appear on the calendar until it is approved.** Once approved or denied, you will receive another email with that information.

MORE NEW DATABASES: The Library has subscribed to two new online database services, courtesy of the Library Services and Technology Act Grant:

- **Universal Class Library Edition**, a powerful new online continuing education service designed specifically for use by the patrons of public libraries. Universal Class offers a unique online education experience. With a growing catalog of over 540 course, real instructors guiding the learning, engaging video-based lessons, a collaborative learning environment, graded lesson tests, certificates of achievement and Continuing Education Units available for selected courses, students enjoy an engaging and measurable learning experience that helps them master and document their educational goals. Universal Class offers courses in Exercise and Fitness, Entrepreneurship, Arts and Music, Home and Garden Care, Cooking, Computers and Technology, Health and Medicine, Homeschooling, Job Assistance, Law and Legal, Parenting and Family, Pet and Animal Care...plus 100's more.
- **A to Z World Travel** is the most detailed travel resource for business and leisure travelers for more than 200 world cities. No other resource covers so many travel topics, so well, for so many cities. Included is information about hotels, restaurants, attractions, culture, shopping, and cuisine.

Both of these great new resources are accessible in the Library and from home via the Library webpage. Click on the "Resources and Community Links" tab. You will need your Library card number to log in. Beginning in January, there will be several information sessions about all the great new databases. Watch the calendar for details.

NEW SELF-SERVICE FAX MACHINE AT HML

The Hall Memorial Library is test-driving a new self-service fax machine for public use. The machine is located in the alcove near the photocopier and will accept credit and debit cards. Try it out and let us know if you like it.

ART EXHIBIT SPACE

The Library offers local artists the opportunity to exhibit their work in the main hallway "gallery" area on a monthly basis. There are currently many dates available for 2013. If you are an artist or photographer, or you know someone who is, and would like to share your work with the community, please stop in and fill out a display request form.

WINTER EVENTS 2012-2013

CAREN KIMENKER: Organize your photos, tell your stories	January 16	6:30-8:00 pm
GLENN GORDINIER: The Rockets' Red Glare: The War of 1812 and Connecticut	January 24	7:00-8:00 pm
*Coffeehouse featuring singer/songwriter PIERCE CABELL	January 25	7:00-8:30 pm
ROBIN GLOWA: The Conscious Cook	January 29	6:30-8:00 pm
BIG Y BAKERS: Cupcake Decorating	February 5	6:30-8:00 pm
TOM CRAUGHWELL: Stealing Lincoln's Body	February 12	6:30-7:30 pm
*Coffeehouse featuring TEN FEET OFF THE GROUND: THE MUSIC OF THE SHERMAN BROTHERS	February 22	6:30-8:00 pm
ATTORNEY WILLIAM DAKIN: Wills, probate, estate planning and taxes	February 26	6:30-8:00 pm
STEVE MARSHALL: The Historic House Guy	February 28	7:00-8:00 pm
<i>*Light refreshments will be available for purchase at Coffeehouse performances, courtesy of the Young Adult Advisory Group.</i>		

Watch the events board at the Library or the website for announcements of new technology classes (i.e. Facebook, Twitter, etc.) and database training.

These events are made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services. All programs require online registration at www.library.ellington-ct.gov or call the Library at 860-870-3160 for assistance

FREE RIDES TO EVENING EVENTS

Many of our older residents are uncomfortable driving at night. We are pleased that, through an arrangement with the Department of Human Services, we will be able to provide free transportation to and from evening Library programs. You must be an Ellington resident and sign-up for a ride at least 3 days before the program you'd like to attend (for Tuesday programs, register by end of day Friday). You will be notified of your pick-up time by phone the day of the program. Vans are wheelchair accessible. This service is made possible by a grant from the Institute of Museum and Library Services.

MOVIES

Hope Springs	December 7 December 12	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Beasts of the Southern Wild	January 4 January 9	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Film: to be announced	January 18 January 23	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Film: to be announced	February 1 February 6	1:00 pm 6:30 pm
Film: to be announced	February 15 February 20	1:00 pm 6:30 pm

Watch the events board at the Library or the website www.library.ellington-ct.gov for movie announcements.

CHILDREN'S DEPARTMENT NEWS

Saturday, December 29 Hall Memorial Library will sponsor *Dragons & Dreams* from 1:00 to 1:45 pm. *Sciencetellers*, from Hillsborough, NJ will be presenting this dynamic program where children will be able to experience and enjoy a combination of storytelling and science. Join us as we learn about the science of fire & ice by telling a tale of *Dragons & Dreams* using experiments of flash paper, exploding bottles, "cool" dry ice, and much more. Wouldn't dragon's breath be an amazing sight? Free tickets for this amazing program will be available at the Children's Circulation Desk beginning Saturday, December 22.

Preschool and Toddler programs will begin again in February. *Babies & Books* for babies 9 months to 2½ years, will be offered on Monday mornings. *Story Hour* for children 2½ years old, will be offered on Fridays, and *Story Hour* for 3 to 5 year olds will be on Tuesday mornings. Registration is required for these programs and will begin on January 22, 2013.

Just a reminder. . . Saturday, February 2 has been designated as "Take Your Child to the Library Day". This year will be the 2nd annual event for the State of Connecticut. Head to your Library and see what it has to offer!



Stephen C. Cullinan, Superintendent of Schools
860-896-2300 ~ www.ellingtonschools.org

Veterans Day 2012 has come and gone, but in the Ellington Public Schools it will not be soon forgotten. The Ellington Public Schools have a rich tradition of honoring our veterans. Ellington High School (EHS) and Ellington Middle School (EMS) have held Veterans Day ceremonies for many years. This year, all students and staff throughout the Ellington Schools had the privilege to participate in various recognitions of our veterans.

The EHS Student Council under the direction of Mrs. Cindy Fontanella once again produced a fitting tribute to our veterans. The EHS chorus, directed by Mr. Richard Diamond, was superb. Veterans Day remarks were offered by State Representative Christopher Davis, State Senator Gary LeBeau and Board of Education Chair Dan Keune. Senior Class President Cody Fongemie welcomed students, guest and dignitaries. Student Council member Ally Letizia was the Master of Ceremonies. Thomas Mackintosh was outstanding as he represented the student body in delivering his personal essay.

Windermere School and Center School students invited veterans to join them as part of "Take a Veteran to Work Day" or "Take a Veteran to School Day." Our students invited their fathers, mothers, grandfathers, grandmothers, aunts, uncles, cousins, friends, neighbors and other veterans they knew, or had heard about, to their classrooms to share experiences and to answer students' questions. The response from the community was overwhelming. More than seventy veterans accepted invitations and visited with the Center and Windermere students and staff. What an amazing experience this was for all of us. Many rooms were visited by more than one veteran. Our guests represented all branches of the service and presented experiences in a variety of countries as well as covering very different periods in our history. Many of our veterans were in uniform and shared personal pictures and photographs, often referring to the others in the photos as "some of my buddies."

Student questions were quite thoughtful representing the true curiosity of young learners. Adult responses were honest, insightful, sometimes humorous and always respectful. The vocabulary of the day echoed with words such as pride, duty, commitment, integrity, responsibility, loyalty, dedication and hard work.

Our veterans spoke highly of service men and women from other nations and they also spoke well of the citizens and the children of the countries where they were stationed.

Student questions covered a wide range of topics. "What did you miss the most from home while you were away? What countries have you been to? What kind of homes do the children in Afghanistan live in? What was the longest you had to march? Did you see any unusual animals? How was the food? What's the hardest thing you had to do in the military? Are the people in those pictures your friends? What did you get that medal for?" At the post speaking breakfast, one veteran remarked upon the high quality of the students' questions and noted that it was interesting how the children's minds worked. I noted that our teachers feel that way every day. Responses from our veterans were also wide ranging. One veteran really missed good spaghetti, while another missed not being able to telephone home. One veteran honestly stated that what he missed the most were his two nieces as he pointed to them in the back of the room. Some had travelled to many countries, did a lot of marching and were respectfully proud of the ribbons and medals they had earned. All of them indicated that yes – all of those people in the pictures are their friends.

Crystal Lake School offered a Veterans Day Assembly where students under the direction of Mr. Tim Adams sang while other students offered poems. A short video from the History Channel entitled, "What Is A Veteran?" was used to generate student reflection and discussion. The teachers of Crystal Lake School presented a read aloud of the book "The Wall" written by Eve Bunting and illustrated by Ronald Himler. Although this is a children's book, it is poignant and can bring tears to an old man's eyes. As a final tribute, the children at Crystal Lake School gave a loud and grateful "Thank You" to all veterans in attendance.

Ellington Middle School held its traditional Veterans Day flag raising ceremony on Friday, November 9, 2012. The middle school chorus under the direction on Mrs. Barbara -Anne Angelica was excellent. The following students were active participants in the ceremony: Randy Philavong, Preethi Kannan, Stefanie Ma, Jack Soto, Rebecca Cargill, Kelly White, Will Gallant, Dan Meaney, Abby Wylie, Olivia Gionet, Brianna Fraser, Tim Ross, Logan Terry, Nick Cantin, Zachary Mozzer, Ciara Dobrowolski, Julia Pepitone, and Caitlyn Gresh. A number of students shared essays they had written to the Founding Fathers. The greeting "Dear Founding Fathers" introduced each essay. Our students shared their observations and evaluation of the results of the fathers' great experiment. Most students noted both the challenges and successes of past generations.

Students stated that the Founding Fathers might be saddened by such incidents as the Civil War, the Great Depression, various military conflicts, on-going economic struggles, and September 11th. However, many also noted that they might be proud of the extension of voting rights regardless of race, religion or gender, setting foot on the moon, America's success in World War I and World War II, the educational opportunities available to so many, and the ingenuity of the American people. The essays were honest yet hopeful. Our middle school students listed some of the mistakes that have been made over the years, as well as the challenges that confront our nation now and into the foreseeable future. No matter how difficult the challenges that may lay ahead, our students expressed hope and optimism. They praised our veterans, as well as those men and women currently serving in our armed forces as one source of that optimism.

Veterans Day 2012 was truly a wonderful experience for the Ellington Educational Community and I sincerely thank everyone who participated. Our students and staff expressed their pride in and their gratitude to our veterans. I believe our veterans were also proud to share some of their experience and patriotism with our community. The fact that so many of the veterans in attendance were family and friends certainly added personal meaning to the day.

In my post Veterans Day reflection I am most impressed with the optimism displayed by both veterans and our students. It appears so different from the negativism and gridlock that seems to pervade the halls of government in Washington, D.C. Our elected leaders may need to be reminded that our veterans served for a purpose and that our Founding Fathers created a different form of government to act positively and, if required, boldly on behalf of its citizens. Our students have learned from history that the citizens of the United States work together to meet challenges and to overcome obstacles. Our students are optimistic about the future – their future. Our representatives must emulate our veterans and proceed with a sense of pride, duty, commitment, integrity, responsibility, loyalty, dedication and hard work. Our children's future requires it.

Stephen C. Cullinan

Ellington Public Schools
Where Children Come First

Ann Marie Conti, Tax Collector
(860) 870-3113

**Announcing a New, Easier Way to
View and Pay your Bill Online!**

The Tax Department has been accepting online payments for a while, but now we have added online billing. We are pleased to announce that **beginning January 1, 2013** Town residents will be able to manage and access their Tax, Sewer and Refuse accounts online. The Tax Department is implementing a new online payment and e-bill service that will offer customers more flexibility in paying their bills.

The system is very simple with three steps taken by customers:

1. Customer receives email notification or can access their account via our website at www.ellington-ct.gov by clicking on the "View or Pay Your Bill" button.
2. Customer locates and views the Tax or User Fee and either enters payment information for a one-time payment or registers to schedule a payment.
3. Customer receives an email confirmation with their payment amount and payment process date.

The new and improved system is easy to use and will allow taxpayers the option of paying their bills via their checking account with ACH or by using a credit or debit card. Billing information will be available online 24 hours a day, seven days a week and will be accessible through the Town website. Customers who sign up for the service will receive an email with their current amount due and a printable PDF version of their bill that is an exact replica of the one they receive in the mail.

Residents don't need to sign up to view and pay their bills. Registration is only required to use the account management features. After paying their bill online, all customers will receive a payment receipt in their email inbox or it can be printed directly from the computer screen. Not only will customers be able to view their current bill, but there will be access to 18 months of their billing and payment history. Once they are logged onto the web portal, customers can search their payment history, schedule a one-time payment and establish an automatic payment schedule.



**Go Green: View and
Pay your bills online!**

Erin Graziani, Senior Center Director
860-870-3133

Due to ongoing negotiations with contractors regarding the building of our new Senior Center, groundbreaking will be postponed until the Spring of 2013.

During the first week of September, each resident should have received a brochure providing information on the Senior Center. When completed in early 2014, you will be excited to see the space that will be available to support the programs, activities and services for seniors age 60 and above in Ellington.

In the brochure, information was provided regarding the furniture, fixtures and equipment that needs to be purchased for the facility. There was a Town Meeting where very valuable input was shared from attendees on their desires for the new Senior Center. In pricing out the needed items, it was learned that it could cost up to \$200,000 to properly furnish the new Senior Center.

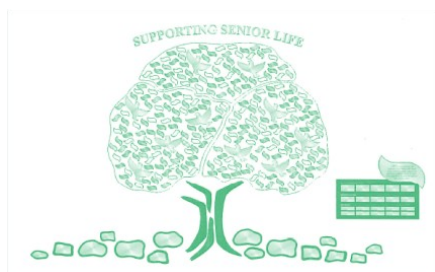
We need your help in raising the funds necessary to make those purchases. As you saw in the Senior Center brochure, there is a *Supporting Senior Life Giving Tree* that will be displayed in the Information Center located near the entrance to the building. It will recognize all individuals, families, companies and organizations that make a gift of \$300 or more during the three-year Capital Campaign. All donors will be recognized in a *Book of Giving* that will be on display in the same location.

This is a great time to make your contribution to the Ellington Senior Center Building Fund in order to be eligible for the 2012 tax deduction. Please either

- *Clip out, complete and mail the pledge form on this page;*
- *Call (860) 870-3133 and request a pledge form, or*
- *Visit the Senior Center to obtain a pledge form.*

Thanks to all who have already made a pledge! All Ellington residents are encouraged to become a part of this Campaign!

Ellington Senior Center Steering Committee



“SUPPORTING SENIOR LIFE” CAPITAL CAMPAIGN
SENIOR CENTER PLAQUE SPONSORSHIPS:

GOLD ☐ \$25,000 **SILVER** ☐ \$15,000 **BRONZE** ☐ \$10,000

“TREE OF LIFE” SPONSORSHIP LEVELS:

LARGE ROCK SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$5,000
MEDIUM ROCK SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$3,000
SMALL ROCK SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$2,000
DOVES	<input type="checkbox"/> \$1,000
BRASS LEAF SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 750
ALUMINUM LEAF SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 500
COPPER LEAF SPONSOR	<input type="checkbox"/> \$ 300
NAME LISTED IN BOOK OF GIVING \$ _____	Other

I want to be part of the “SUPPORTING SENIOR LIFE” Capital Campaign. Please reserve the above checked recognition item(s) in the name(s) of:

Total Pledge: \$ _____ Pledge Payment Term: ☐ 1 ☐ 2 ☐ 3 years

Amount Enclosed: \$ _____ Pledge Balance: \$ _____

Name: _____

Street Address: _____

City: _____ State: _____ Zip Code: _____

Telephone: _____

Signature of Donor(s): _____

Please make your tax-deductible gift payable to:

Ellington Senior Center Building Fund

Send form and first payment to:

Ellington Senior Center Building Fund

PO Box 528, Ellington, CT 06029

We will accept appreciated securities.

Anna Turner, Elderly Outreach
860-870-3131

TRIAD Senior Safety Programs

(NO TRIAD programs for January or February 2013)

Medicare & the Medicare Savings Program

Thursday March 7th at 2:00 pm
 at the Ellington Senior Center

Patty Richardson of the North Central Area Agency on Aging will present information on Medicare, the Medicare Savings Program, the CT Home Care Program for Elders, and the Respite Grant Program. Please RSVP your attendance by signing up or calling the Senior Center at 860-870-3133.

ACCESS Energy Assistance Program

The Human Services Office is taking applications for the ACCESS program to assist low-income persons with paying for some of their winter heat cost. There are income and assets qualifying guidelines. Please call the Human Services office at 860-870-3131 for more details and to schedule an appointment to complete the ACCESS application.

ELLINGTON RECREATION DEPARTMENT 2012-13 WINTER PROGRAMS

Address:

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**Attention
Coaches**

AED/ First Aid/ CPR

Register via email:**Ellington.safety@yahoo.com****Instructor:** Allison Breen

The Recreation Department now has a certified AED/First Aid/CPR Instructor on staff. New classes have been scheduled that will allow ALL Ellington Coaches, Athletic Officials, Program Instructors, and Staff to register **FREE of Charge**. All classes will be held at the Recreation Office at 31 Arbor Way.

Thursday, January 17 5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Thursday, February 7 5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Thursday, March 21 5:00 pm -10:00 pm

Please understand that each coach is **REQUIRED** to complete this training. We can only allow **six (6)** coaches per class, so register early. When you register, please leave your **full name, phone number and what class you wish to attend and sport** you are coaching. Allison Breen will contact you to confirm your registration.

2013 Dick Gunn & Clare Landmann Basketball Tournaments/Jamborees

It's that special time of the youth basketball season when the Town of Ellington recognizes two long-time volunteers (Dick Gunn and Clare Landmann) for their many years of loyal support to the Town's recreation growth, from both a program and athletic facility standpoint. The Tournament and Jamboree schedule is tentatively scheduled between the 2nd and 3rd week of March and will be posted on the Parks & Recreation website once the exact dates and time frames have been established. Even if you do NOT have a child that participates in any of the leagues, you **WILL WANT** to visit one or more of the games and witness the friendly but competitive nature of the teams involved.

Volunteers are being sought to help assist the Recreation Department with this event. **Please call the Recreation Office @ 860-870-3118.**

Basketball

CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Men's Informal Basketball	0205.50311	Monday Evenings January 7 to June 3 (Closed Jan 21; Feb 18; Apr 15, May 27)	5:30-7:30 pm	Under 30	\$10	Windermere School
	0205.50411			Over 30		
Unified Basketball Program	No Code	March 5-April 30	5:45-7:15 pm	TBD	No Fee	Middle School
Informal High School Basketball Boys & Girls*	1119.BB9 1119.GB9	December 2012 to March 2013	Varied Time Slots	Grades 9-12	\$60	Site Varies

* CIAC rules prohibit anyone playing on a High School team from participating in this program. Interested in competitive play? We anticipate forming a competitive team to play games with surrounding towns. Pre-registration is required. Scrimmages are held in-house and attempts are underway to schedule games with surrounding towns.

Travel Basketball Tournament

8th Grade Boys
Basketball Tournament
December 26 & 27
Ellington Middle School

Teams from South Windsor, Avon and Farmington will compete along with the Ellington Recreation as the host team.

Schedule: December 26:

6:00 pm & 7:30 pm

First Round Games with Ellington
playing @ 7:30 pm

December 27:

6:00 pm Consolation Game
7:30 pm Championship Game

A program brochure will be provided and anyone interested in placing an advertisement should contact Bob Tedford at 860-870-3118 no later than December 21, 2012. A concession stand will be available.

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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Co-Ed Volleyball	0204.5042	Wednesdays January 2 - April 24, 2013 (no April 17th)	7:30-9:00 pm	18 & up	\$10	Middle School
Youth Volleyball CO-ED	0120.YVB10	TBD—Possibly Friday evenings pending enrollment	6:00-7:15 pm	Grades 5 thru 8	\$15	Crystal Lake School
Youth Indoor CO-ED Soccer	0301.WCE12	Winter Session: January 8, 15, 22, 29 February 5, 12, 26	5:15-6:45 pm	Grades 9-12	\$15	Crystal Lake School
Youth Indoor CO-ED Soccer	0301.CES12	Spring Session: March 18 and 21 April 1 and 4	6:00-7:00 pm 7:00-8:00 pm 8:00-9:15 pm	Grades 3-4 Grades 5-6 Grades 7-8	\$15	Crystal Lake School
Adult Indoor Soccer Co-ed	0112.401	Tentatively starting February 6 pending sufficient enrollment	7:30-9:30 pm	18 & up	\$15	Windermere School
Women’s Informal Basketball	0110.J2011	Tuesday Evenings January through March	7:30-9:15pm	18 & up	\$12	Center School
Jukido	0504.JUK1012	Session 12: January 3, 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7	5:30-6:30pm	6 & up	\$52 per session	Vernon Community Building 375 Hartford Turnpike
	0504.JUK1112	Session 13: February 14, 21, 28 March 7, 14, 21				
NYSCA Coaches Clinic Softball/Soccer Coaches	No code	This is an online program for all sports	N/A	All Recreation Coaches	\$25	Online Program
	This program is available online WWW.NAYS.ORG/NYSCAONLINECLINICS					
Babysitter Safety Course Min. 8/Max. 10 Per session	BABE.SITW 1	February 12 & 14	3:30-5:30 pm	10-13 year olds	\$45	Windermere School Cafeteria
	BABE.SITW2	March 19 & 21				
Babysitter Safety Course is a new 4-hour program: This is an entry level course intended to teach age appropriate skills necessary to care for children of all ages using team babysitting, mother’s helper and individual babysitting concepts. The course focuses on safety with emphasis on prevention. Basic First-aid and obstructed airway management for conscious choking adult/child and infant. Other topics: hand washing, diapering, bottle feeding, personal safety, interview skills and many more. Bring a snack each day.						

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Seasonal
Employment

Applications for seasonal employment will be available January 9, 2013 for those interested in applying for the following positions within the Recreation Department:

- ASA (Softball Umpire)
- USSF (Soccer) Official
- Site Supervisors
- WSI and LGT Lifeguards
- Youth Lacrosse Official
- Day Camp Counselor
- Special Event Instructors

Please contact the Recreation Office at 860-870-3118 or recreation@ellington-ct.gov to obtain an application form.

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ACTIVITY	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION
Quick Start Tennis Max. 8	QUIC.TENJ	Session J: To be determined based on enrollment.	3:30-4:30pm	Grades K-4	\$35	Center School
Tiny Tot Indoor Tennis Lessons Max .8	TINY.TTTW	March 15, 22, April 5, 12	5:15-6:00 pm	3-5 years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
Pee Wee Indoor Tennis Lessons Max. 8	PEE.PWEW	March 15, 22, April 5, 12	6:00-6:45 pm	5-7 Years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
Youth Indoor Tennis Lessons Max.8	YOUTH.TNW	March 15, 22, April 5, 12	6:45-7:45 pm	8-13 years	\$40	Crystal Lake School
High School Tennis Players Boys & Girls	EHST.TENN	Tentative: 2nd Week in March	3:00-4:30 pm	Grades 9-12	\$45	TBD
	Players must provide their own racquet, sneakers & transportation to practices					
Tennis Lessons Adult Beginners (Indoor Lessons)	0205.40W13	Session 3: March 13, 20, 21; April 3	7:15-8:15 pm	Adult Beginner 14 & up	\$35	Crystal Lake School
Indoor Golf Lessons (affiliated with Ellington Golf Center)	0606.GOLFO	Session O: March 12, 19; April 2, 9	6:30-7:30 pm	Adult Co-ED	\$60	Crystal Lake School Instructor: Jeff Wadsworth
			7:30-8:30 pm			
Wear sneakers, all-purpose shoes. Mats and plastic golf balls will be provided						
Women's Self-Defense	0503.WSDG	March 7 or 21	7:00 pm	12 & up	No Fee	Windermere School
Cross-Country Ski Lessons/ Course:	Weather and SNOW permitting, the Recreation Department will offer cross-country ski lessons and a local cross-country course for Ellington residents. A pre-season clinic will be offered at the end of December/early January, which will cover the following aspects: safety, type/style of skis/ snowshoes, instruction on how to enjoy cross-country skiing. If interested in being contacted with a firm date and time for the clinic, please call the Recreation Office at 860-870-3118.					
Ellington Recreation Hiking Club	This group takes a HIKE every Tuesday; a new site each week and site notification is made the Monday prior (via email). Meet at Arbor Park on Tuesday mornings at 9:00 am. Pre-registration is required at the Recreation Office, 31 Arbor Way. Eligibility: Adults 18 year of age and over. Bring: water, snack, wear proper footwear and dress appropriately for the weather conditions.					

2013 Ellington Sprint Triathlon

1/4 Mile Swim ~ 12 Mile Bike ~ 3.4 Mile Run

July 14 or Rain Date: July 21

Fee: \$70.00 (pre-registration required)



The Ellington Parks & Recreation Department and a few more passionate Tri-athletes will be hosting the **5th Annual Ellington Triathlon** at Crystal Lake. The 4th Annual event in 2012 was a huge success and we look forward to another great triathlon with added improvements.

The course will consist of 1/4-mile swim in Crystal Lake, a rolling 12-mile bike course in the country and a moderately flat 3.4-mile run around the lake. This is a fairly challenging course; however, that is what makes the sport of triathlon so much fun! Each race registrant will receive snacks, beverages, race bag, t-shirt and a water bottle.

Registration will open March 1, 2013

via www.ellingtontriathlon.com

which will direct you to the Ellington Parks & Recreation registration.

Again, the proceeds from the 2013 Ellington Triathlon will support local charities in Ellington.

Any local businesses looking to support the race or match a donation, please contact us at ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net.

Volunteers are being sought to provide assistance on the EVENT DAY.

Contact us at ellingtontriathlon@comcast.net.

2013 Ellington Girls Softball League Registration

Softball Registration Dates for New Players:

Dates	Time	Place
Saturday, February 2	9 am-12 noon	Middle School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 9	9 am-12 noon	Middle School Cafeteria

First year players are required to provide an **original** birth certificate and parent/guardian must show their driver's license at time of registration.

Returning Players: Online registration will be open for 2 weeks from **1/28/2013-2/10/2013**. A \$10.00 late fee will be added on to registrations submitted after 2/10/2013.

Register online at www.ellingtongirlssoftball.org

Select "Register Online" tab on left of Home Page. You will also be able to register for player clinics at this time.

League Age & Fees

League	Age As of 12/31/12	Fee + \$25 refundable concession deposit and any optional clinic fees.
Rookies	7 & 8*	\$60
Minors	9 & 10	\$70
Majors	11 & 12	\$80
Seniors	13 to 16	\$80

* maybe 6 years if child has played at least one year of T-Ball

Please Note:

- ♦ All Minor and Major League Players will be evaluated at an Evaluation Clinic in March.
- ♦ Pre-Season Player Clinics will be scheduled in February/March, before the Evaluation Clinic. All Clinics have limited space; signups will be offered during registration on a first-come, first-serve basis.
- ♦ Practices will begin sometime in early April depending on weather/field conditions.

Volunteer Opportunities:

- ♦ Umpiring Minor & Major League Games
- ♦ Coaching
- ♦ Opening Day Apparel Sales/Year-end Picnic
- ♦ Concession Stand

Volunteers must attend one of the registration sessions if you are a League Volunteer who has regular contact with players. Please complete a Little League Volunteer Application (which can be found on our website under the Registration Tab at top of the page, and bring it along with your driver's license (we will need to make a copy of your license).

Contact:

**Keith Jarvis @ 860-870-1320 or
Jim Lavey @ 860-872-5838**

Ellington Girls Softball League is not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department. The Ellington Girls Softball League Program is an all-volunteer organization. For more information, visit www.ellingtongirlssoftball.org

2013 Ellington Little League Baseball

Players Ages 6 years-16 years (as of April 30, 2013)
 Registration forms and on-line registration: www.ellingtonll.org
 On-Line registration open from 1/28/2013-2/28/2013
Returning Players ~ Requested to Register Online

Registration Dates for New Players to Little League Baseball

Ages 6 & Up

Dates	Time	Location
Saturday, February 2	9 am-Noon	Middle School Cafeteria
Saturday, February 9	9 am-Noon	Middle School Cafeteria

First time players must bring a **birth certificate** to registration

Volunteers Managers & Coaches

Managers and coaches are selected for all divisions and teams. Please complete volunteer application on website by 2/28/13.

Coaches Clinic(s)

Dates will be posted on website

Volunteers Needed: Contact Jim Laughlan 860-454-4553, Division Contact (below) or any Board of Director Member.

Umpires

All interested umpires (adults and children age 13 & up) including returning umpires, must complete an application on website. Training will be provided!

Ellington Little League Baseball Fees & Contacts

Division	Ages	Fees*	Contact	Telephone #
T-Ball	6	\$42	Brian Fantry	860-454-7326
Instructional	7-8	\$62	Pat Sgarlata	860-871-8841
Farm/Minors	8-11	\$88	Chris Sivo	860-872-4668
Majors	10-12	\$88	Matt Trottier	860-454-8325
Junior/Senior	13-16	\$98	Rob Roberts	860-871-4428

*\$5 family discount for second family member and \$30 family discount for three or more family members.

Note: all fees require an additional \$35 family concession stand deposit which is refundable upon serving in the concession stand.

Ellington Little League is not affiliated with the Ellington Recreation Department. The Ellington Little League Program is an all-volunteer organization. The league is affiliated with Little League, Inc. and follows the rules and guidelines set forth by the National Organization in Williamsport, including the April 30th age cut-off date.



Evaluations for Little League Baseball

Age 8 as of April 30, 2013:

Evaluations determine placement in Instructional League or Farm League. Players must attend at least one evaluation, two preferred, to be eligible for selection in Farm League. Optional: Player may choose to remain in Instructional League.

1st Indoor* March 22

6:45-8:00 PM

2nd Brookside Park March 23

9:30-10:45 AM

Age 9 as of April 30, 2013: Evaluations required for placement in the Farm League or Minor League; Player must attend one evaluation; two preferred.

1st Indoor* March 22

6:45-8:00 PM

2nd Brookside Park March 23

9:30-10:45 AM

Age: 10-11 Years that Opt Out

1st Indoor* March 22

6:45-8:00 PM

2nd Brookside Park March 23

9:30-10:45 AM

***Indoor @ Star Hill, 100 Gerber Dr., Tolland, CT**

Tryouts for Little League Baseball

Ages	1st Indoor* March 22	2nd Brookside Park March 23
Age 10	7:45pm-8:45pm	12:30pm- 1:45pm
Age 11/12	8:45pm-9:45pm	11:00am- 12:15pm

Age 10, 11 & 12 must attend at least one of two Major League tryout to be eligible for Major League draft.

Juniors	N/A	11:00 am -1:00 pm
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***Indoor @ Star Hill, 100 Gerber Dr., Tolland, CT**

Free Baseball Bash ~ Skills Clinic & Games For Players 7-10 years old* (*As of 4/30/2013)

Date: March 16
Time: 9:00 am-12 noon
Place: Middle School

VACATION CAMPS FOR CHILDREN GRADES K-8

The Recreation Department will sponsor **Two Vacation Camps:** December & April for children Grades K-8. The daily schedule will include passive and non-passive activities, crafts, sports, music, movies, special events, science experiments, nature/hikes and possibly sledding!!

All Vacation Camps will be held at the Ellington Middle School

Payment

- Full payment is required at time of registration.
- Family deductions for 2nd and 3rd child in same household will be \$5 per child; this only pertains to full day/full week campers registered.
- Discounts **do not** apply to before and after-care fees.

Camp Information

- Campers should bring outdoor clothing (boots, hats, mittens, snow pants). No child will be allowed to participate in any outdoor activities unless dressed appropriately!
- **All items should be labeled with the child's full name.**
- Full Day Campers should bring a bagged lunch and snack (if wanted).
- Refreshments/drinks will be provided to campers both in the morning and afternoons.

Camps		Full Day/ Full Week	Half Day/ Full Week	Before-Care: 7:30 AM-8:30 AM After-Care 3:00 PM-5:00 PM	DEADLINE DATE to register for camp
December Camp	December 26, 27, 28	\$54.00 1st child	\$36.00 1st child	Before-Care: \$4.00/day/child	December 20, 2012
		\$49.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$18 a day)	\$31.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$12 a day)	After-Care: \$7.00/day/child	
April Camp	April 15, 16, 17, 18, 19	\$90.00 1st child	\$60.00 1st child	Before-Care: \$4.00 per day	April 5, 2013
		\$85.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$18 a day)	\$55.00 2nd & 3rd child (or \$12 a day)	After-Care: \$7.00 per day	

NEW

Overview and Features of the Immediate Post-concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing (ImPACT)

The Town of Ellington Parks & Recreation Department will enter its second year of offering the ImPACT (Immediate Post-concussion Assessment and Cognitive Testing) system to age appropriate athletes that are registered in a program sponsored by the Parks & Recreation Department. In addition, the Ellington Little League Softball and Baseball programs, along with the Ellington Football League, are eligible to participate as well.

Computerized Concussion Evaluation System: The ImPACT system is the first, most-widely used, and scientifically validated computerized concussion evaluation system. ImPACT was developed to provide useful information to assist qualified practitioners in making sound return-to-play decisions following concussions.

Test Process and Eligibility: ImPACT is a 20-minute test that is administered online and has become a standard tool used in comprehensive management of concussions for athletes from age ten through adulthood. ImPact consists of two separate tests, the "baseline" test and a "post-injury" test. The baseline test is taken every year and establishes a "baseline" on how the brain normally functions. If it is suspected that an athlete has sustained a concussion medical professional will typically request that the athlete be re-tested, called the post-injury test. These results will be compared with those from the baseline test to assist in the diagnosis and treatment of the athlete.

ImPact is an invaluable tool in the making a safe "return to play" decision, but this only works if the baseline test is taken prior to a concussion. It is highly recommended that parent-guardians and adult participants consider taking advantage of this worthwhile program.

Please review the Town's Parks & Recreation website for further instructions or Email: rtedford@ellington-ct.gov.



Girls & Boys Spring Lacrosse

REGISTRATION STARTS:
DECEMBER 1, 2012

Outdoor Program
March 15 to June 15, 2013

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering Spring Travel Teams for 3rd & 4th, 5th & 6th, 7th and 8th graders. Registration must be received by January 25, 2013 in order to ensure proper roster size and number of teams needed.

Requests to move up a level must be in writing to the Recreation Department prior to January 31, 2013.

Travel League Fees: Bantam, Juniors and Seniors ~ \$80.00

\$70.00 for all new registrations and families with 3 or more participants. Additional fees will be required for both boys and girls uniforms.

Lacrosse Equipment Required:

Girls	Stick, goggles, mouth guard and cleats
Boys	Helmet (black), mouth guard, shoulder & elbow pads, cleats, athletic supporter, rib protector and regulation stick

Kits are available at Dick's or Modell's Sporting Goods

Pre-Season Practice Schedules:

Bantams Practice 1-2 days per week

Juniors and Seniors Practice 3-5 days per week

Note: Travel is required for Lacrosse within Connecticut and Massachusetts.

Divisional Placement: Requirements for teams are as follows:

Bantam Program grades 3 & 4

Girls minimum: 8; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Juniors Program grades 5 & 6

Girls minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Seniors Program grades 7 & 8

Girls minimum: 15; maximum: 25

Boys minimum: 15; maximum: 25

The Lacrosse Association is in ***need of volunteers*** who have an interest in helping out with practices or coaching. We will also be holding a ***Coaching Clinic*** in January for anyone interested in helping coach in 2013. Those interested can contact:

Bob Tedford at rtedford@ellington-ct.gov

***Pre-Registration Required For
All Programs & Clinics***

Boys & Girls Lacrosse Clinics Program

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering clinics for 2013 programs:

Intro Clinic for Grades K-2

Saturday Program ~ April 20 - May 25, 2013

9:00 am-10:00 am

Ellington High School

Cost: \$20 per player

This clinic will be designed to introduce kids to Lacrosse. Basic fundamentals of throwing, catching, cradling and shooting will be covered. Players do not need equipment for this clinic; the equipment will be provided.

Free Goalie Clinic:

March 1, 8, 15 @ Crystal Lake School

6:00—7:00 pm

This clinic will be designed to work with any current or interested player on basic goal-keeping fundamentals.



2013 Guidelines:

January 25, 2013 is the deadline to register in order to ensure team placement, provided the minimum and maximum enrollment figures have been met; if that has occurred a "wait list" will be kept in order to determine if and when openings do exist.

2013 playing time guidelines: The boys and girls Lacrosse programs will be considered "TRAVEL" programs during the 2013 season. Current Town of Ellington policy requires each player to receive a minimum of 25% playing time, per game; however, it is anticipated that every attempt will be made to increase playing time percentage over the course of the regular season.

Evaluation Session: The Recreation Department reserves the right to establish/schedule three evaluation sessions (based on enrollment) in order to provide/select balanced teams and assign teams to the appropriate levels of competition: Bantam, Junior and Senior levels. It will be required that each player attend at least 2 of the 3 evaluation sessions. Time and location will be determined after registration closes.

Mandatory Parents Meeting: There will be a mandatory parents meeting to review season expectations, costs, fundraising and rule changes for 2013.

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CLASS	ID CODE	DATES	TIME	AGES	FEE	LOCATION	
ZUMBA® 	NO CODE	Tuesdays & Thursdays Starting: January 3- June 6, 2013	7:30-8:30 pm	Adults (14 +)	\$40 Pre-paid Punch Card worth 8 classes Available On-site Or \$8.00 Walk-In Fee at the Door	Ellington Middle School	
Classes will follow the Ellington Public Schools Calendar; NO Classes on Vacation Days or School Cancellation Days. Zumba® Fitness is a Latin-inspired, easy-to-follow, calorie-burning, dance fitness party. Feel the music and let loose. Bring a water bottle and towel. Instructors: Tressa Giordano & Joanne Britton							
ZUMBATOMIC® 	ZUMBA.KID6 ZUMBA.KID7	Tuesdays Session 6: January 22, 29; February 5, 12 Session 7: March 5, 12, 19, 26	6:45-7:15 pm	Ages 6-11 Boys & Girls	\$30 per session	Ellington Middle School Cafeteria	
Your kids are going to love this class! The perfect combination of age appropriate fitness and fun! The class combines high-energy, motivating music with easy to follow kid friendly moves. Zumba® creates a party-like atmosphere that is so much fun kids won't even know it's fitness. In no time they'll be shakin', movin' rockin' and slamin' to Latin and international beats like reggaeton, hip-hop, salsa, calypso, cumbia, meringue, samba and more. Be ready to exercise and party. Come in comfortable clothing and sneakers. Bring a water bottle.							
Total Body Blast Instructor: Ginny Hogan	NO CODE Registration Required at the First Class	January 7, 9, 14, 16, 23, 29 February 11, 13, 20, 25, 27 March 4, 6, 11, 13, 18, 20	6:00-7:00 pm	14 years and Up	\$40 for a Pre-Paid Punch Card/8 classes \$5 per class pre-payment or \$7 walk-in fee	Hall Memorial Library	
Join us for a moderate to intense circuit workout that targets all the major muscle groups and includes cardio. Workouts vary each session and use such equipment as resistance bands, hand weights, medicine balls, jump ropes, kettle bells, stability balls, TRX, etc. Modifications will be made to suit all abilities. Bring an exercise mat, big ball and hand-weights, if you have them.							
After School Mini 6-Week Bowling Program <u>Grades K-6</u>	<u>0516.CEN12 2</u> Center School <u>0516.WINK42</u> Windermere School (K-4) <u>0516.WIN562</u> Windermere Grades 5/6 <u>0516.CLS12</u> Crystal Lake School	Mondays Session # 2 March 4, 11, 18, 25 April 1, 8 (Makeup date April 22, 2013)	Grades K-4 4:00-6:00 pm Grades 5th & 6th 3:00-5:00 pm	Grades K-6	\$65	Vernon Spare Time Bowling 350 Talcottville Road, Vernon	
Bus transportation provided to Spare Time Lanes from the following schools: Center, Crystal Lake, Windermere Schools. Parents will be responsible for picking up their children at the Spare Time Vernon Lanes. Includes 1-1/2 hours of bowling, shoe rental, transportation to Spare Time Vernon Lanes and free pizza party on the last day. Note: A separate registration flier will come home through the schools for registration. All bowling registration forms and payment are to be returned to: <u>Ellington Recreation Department; NOT your child's school.</u>							

Day Trips 2013

These trips are being offered in Mansfield, Ashford, Coventry, Ellington, Tolland, Willington and Windham. Please register where you live at your local Recreation Department.

The pick-up/drop-off locations for people registering in Mansfield and Windham will be the commuter lot behind the Eastbrook Mall on Frontage Road in Mansfield.

The pick up location for all others registering will be the commuter lot off I-84, Exit 68. Return times are approximate. No alcohol or glass items allowed on bus. Refer to Town website for more details—www.ellington-ct.gov.

Trip	Code	Dates	Time	Location	Fee	Notes
Boston for the Day	BSFD.TRIP	March 16, 2013	Depart: 7:30 am Return: 6:00 pm	See Above	\$32 Per person	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!
Day in New York City	DNYC.TRIP	April 6, 2013	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	See Above	\$42 per person	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!
Bronx Zoo	BRONX.ZOO	May 11, 2013	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	See Above	TBD	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!
Boston Red Sox Game	RED.SOXX	June 2013 (Date TBD)	Depart: 7:00 am Return: 10:30 pm	See Above	TBD	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!
James Taylor Concert @ Tanglewood	JAMES.TAYLR4	July 4, 2013 Tentative	Depart: 2:00 pm Return: 11:00 pm	See Above	TBD	Fee Includes Ticket and Transportation
Rhode Island Lighthouse Tour	RHDE.ISLND	August 3, 2013	TBD	See Above	TBD	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!
New York Yankees Game	YANK.EESG	September (Date TBD)	TBD	See Above	TBD	Fee Includes Transportation ONLY!



Ellington Soccer & Basketball Fundraising



The following items are available at fund raising tables, at the Recreation Department Office, or through order:

Ellington Athletics purple wrist band	\$2	Ellington Soccer ball magnet	\$3	Ellington Soccer Coffee Mug	\$4
Ellington Soccer Fleece Ear Band	\$9	Umbrella (purple and white)	\$20	Ellington Soccer Water bottle	\$4
Ellington Soccer Kelme sling bag (Black) ONLY A FEW LEFT	\$16	Ellington Soccer Fleece Hat	\$10	Ellington Soccer Black Fleece Blanket (Purple Logo)	\$20
		Basketball Magnet	\$3		

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Little Hands Instructor: Jill Maznicki	LITT.HAND5	Session 1: Thursdays - January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28 (makeup dates March 7) Adult participation required	10:15-11:00am	2&3 years Max: 10	\$65 Resident; \$70 Non-Resident	Library (upstairs Children's Room)
Chase away those long winter days with this hands-on sensory art experience! Children will use their senses to create art using edible media such as yogurt, pudding, crackers, Cool Whip, Cheerios; along with markers, paints, crayons, PlayDoh and more! Play time with friends is a must and a portion of class time will be set aside for children to interact with others and make new friends. Dress for mess!						
Pee-Wee Cheer Instructor: Jill Maznicki	PEWE.CHERW	Session W: Tuesdays- January 22, 29, February 5, 12, 26 March 5 (makeup dates: March 12)	4:00-4:45 pm	4-6 years Max: 10	\$65 Resident \$70 Non-Resident	Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
Come learn the basics of cheer along with a few brief cheer routines to boost winter spirits! We will move as a team, develop individual skills and improve overall fitness and coordination. Fun, friends and fitness all rolled into one! Dress in sneakers and bring water bottle.						
Music & Movement Instructor: Jill Maznicki	MNM.TUES6	<u>Session 6:</u> Tuesdays— January 22, 29; February 5, 12, 26; March 5, 12, 19 (makeup dates March 26)	9:20-10:00 am	1-3 Years Max: 8	\$65 Resident; \$70 Non-Resident	Crystal Lake Schoolhouse
	MNM.WEDS7	<u>Session 7:</u> Wednesday- January 16, 23, 30 February 6, 13, 20, 27; March 6 (makeup dates March 13)	10:15-11:00 am	1-3 years Max: 10	\$65 Resident; \$70 Non-Resident	Hall Memorial Library
Come sing, dance, play and move to the beat. This stimulating program will introduce children to a variety of music and instruments; finger plays, songs, bounces, as well as developmentally appropriate group activities. Adult participation required.						
Pokémon Club Instructor: Jill Maznicki	POKE.CLUB3	Thursdays: January 10, 17, 24, 31; February 7, 14, 21, 28; (makeup dates March 7)	4:00-5:00 pm	Grades: 1-5 Max: 15	\$40	Hall Memorial Library
Gotta catchem all!!! Come join Pokémon Club! This club is perfect for the long-time card collector or newly interested. It is a great way to strengthen reading and math skills using the Pokémon cards to challenge opponents to a battle or sound out those crazy Pokémon names. Please bring only enough cards to class that you can keep track of.						
TRADING OF CARDS WILL BE ALLOWED DURING CLUB TIME WITH PARENTAL PERMISSION						
Pokémon Power Play Instructor: Jill Maznicki	POKE.POWER	December 22, 2012	10 am-12Noon	Grade 1-5	\$4	Hall Memorial Library
Join us for two hours of Pokémon Bliss! Battle other trainers, trade*, draw and color Pokémon, design poke balls and design your own card. Trainers/collectors must keep track of their own cards.						
(*Parental permission required to trade)						

2013 Spring Outdoor Youth Soccer Fees: \$30.00 (U18 - U9)

The Recreation Department will offer an Outdoor Soccer Program for boys and girls based on current CT Junior Soccer Association age/birth date guidelines (see chart below). Based on enrollment and evaluation submittals of the respective coaches, teams may be formed in the following age groups:

U-18 Boys and Girls	Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
U-16 Boys and Girls	Full sided (11 vs. 11) on the playing field
U-14 Boys and Girls	Full sided (11 vs. 11) or Small sided (6 vs. 6) on the playing field
U-12 Boys and Girls	Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
U-11 Boys and Girls	Small sided (8 vs. 8) on the playing field
U-10 Boys and Girls	Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field
U-9 Boys and Girls	Small sided (7 vs. 7) on the playing field

Placement will be determined by skill level, age compatibility and available roster space. The Recreation Department will make the final determination regarding a player's placement to a respective age level; a player may attend evaluation clinics at an age group higher than his/her current age, but cannot attend an evaluation clinic at a lower age division.

The deadline for players to register in order to RETAIN his/her FALL 2012 roster placement is **APRIL 9, 2013**. Registration forms received after that date will be placed in the 'as available' file until final registrations/two evaluations have been completed. It is important to note that the Spring 2013 Season could bring about new age groups and/or placements based on 'actual enrollment' as of April 9, 2013. Since Spring Soccer is considered an off-season sport, roster size and team alignment may be adjusted in order to provide a roster placement for all registrants. If a player wishes to attend an evaluation session in order to (1) qualify for a specific age group/level or, (2) is a new player that was not rostered in the Fall of 2012, please make sure that this information is provided on the registration form so an accurate accounting may be kept.



Soccer 2012-2013 Seasonal Year Age Groups Guidelines

Age Group	Aug	Sept	Oct	Nov	Dec	Jan	Feb	Mar	Apr	May	June	July
U-8	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005	2005
U-9	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004	2004
U-10	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003	2003
U-11	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002	2002
U-12	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001	2001
U-14	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000	2000
U-15	1998	1998	1998	1998	1998	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999	1999

In-House Spring Soccer Program ~ Ages 4-8 years Boys & Girls

The Ellington Recreation Department will be offering the Spring Soccer Clinic for children again this coming April 2013. Due to the growing number of children interested in this sport of Soccer, we will NEED YOUR HELP. Even if you have never played, coached or watched Soccer, your participation is vital to this program. In conjunction with the Recreation Department, we will be offering a FREE Coach's Clinic in order to assist in helping you grow to love the game of Soccer. Not only will you enjoy yourself, the smiles on the children's faces are worth every minute you put into this program. Ages 4, 5, and 6 will be coached on one night; ages 7 and 8 will be coached on a different night. Depending on how many teams are formed, there will be "Soccer Match" night where one team plays another team in a scrimmage/match. This cannot be successful without your help and volunteer time; contact the Recreation Department: recreationstaff@ellington-ct.gov or rtdford@ellington-ct.gov.

Please note: The quantity of volunteers will determine how many children will be accepted into this program.

Ages 4-6

Mondays:

April 22, 29; May 6, 13, 20;
June 3 makeup date

Time: 5:30-6:45 pm

Location: Middle School Soccer Field

Fee: \$25

Ages 7 & 8

Wednesdays:

April 24; May 1, 8, 15, 22, 29
June 5 makeup date

John Turner, 911 Municipal Coordinator (860) 870-3190

As winter closes in on Ellington, there are steps that can be taken to assist emergency services workers to provide efficient service to our residents.

- First and most importantly, make sure your house number is posted in a manner that is clearly visible from the street and properly identifies the residence or access driveway.
- Completely clear all of your driveway and sidewalk areas from snow and ice accumulations and apply sand for traction if necessary. Keep a small container of sand near the entrance steps in case responders need to provide additional traction for a stretcher or equipment.
- Have your heating sources serviced so they are ready to provide a season of safe and efficient service.
- Make sure your Smoke and Carbon Monoxide Detectors have working batteries and are tested.
- Remove snow and ice from around all neighborhood fire hydrants.

In an emergency, response time is critical! Being able to quickly find a location, having a clear access to the residence and being able to have fire hydrants available for immediate use saves time for the responders.

Stay safe all season long!

Winter Weather Cancellations

Town Office closings and meetings/program cancellations will be posted on the Town's website:

www.ellington-ct.gov

Also check Channel 3 for cancellations

HOLIDAY SCHEDULE

The Town Offices and the Library will be closed on the following dates:

December 24 Closing at 1:00 p.m.
December 25 Christmas Holiday*
January 1 New Year's Holiday*
January 21 M.L. King, Jr. Day
February 18 Presidents' Day

December 31– Hall Memorial Library will be closing at 1:00 p.m.

* There will be a **one delay** in trash collection for Christmas and New Year's Day holidays.

Board/Commission Vacancies

Vacancies exist on several Boards and Commissions, for example:

- Ad Hoc Patriotic Committee
- Conservation Commission
- Economic Development Commission
- Ethics Commission

Please visit the website for a complete list. Call the First Selectman's Office at 860-870-3100 for a Statement of Interest form or download one from our website at www.ellington-ct.gov; select "Government" tab; "Boards and Commissions"; "Vacancies".

Meetings are held monthly in the evening.

Town Hall Hours

Monday

8:30 am-6:00 pm

Tuesday, Wednesday, Thursday

8:30 am-4:00 pm

Friday

8:30 am-1:30 pm

Ellington Farmers' Winter Market

Winter Market Schedule

Fridays: 4:00 to 6:30 p.m.

January 4 and 18

February 1 and 15

March 1, 15 and 29

@ Indian Valley YMCA

11 Pinney Street

www.ellingtonfarmersmarket.com

Questions: Contact Dianne Trueb at
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